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SUBJECT: OFFICIALS VISITS TO CARACAS DURING JUNE-AUGUST 1974

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1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN CARACAS DURING THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE FROM JUNE 20 TO AUGUST 29, 1974, WILL BE EXTREMELY SCARSE.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AWARE, OWING TO TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL, THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECTIONS WILL BE LEFT AT FAR BELOW THEIR USUAL COMPLEMENT DURING THE PERIOD WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE LOS CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, USIS WHICH IS ALSO INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS CONFERENCE, WILL BE LEFT WITH DEPLETED STAFF DUE TO THE IMPENDING TRANSFERS OF, AMONG OTHERS, ITS INFORMATION, CULTURAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE RESOURCES OF THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WILL BE LARGELY ABSORBED IN SUPPORTING THE US DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE.

3. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CAREFULLY MONITOR PROPOSED OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO CARACAS DURING THE COMING THREE MONTHS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING THE VOLUME OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THIS POST, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTING OTHER

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FEDERAL AGENCIES, APART FROM THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE LOS CON-

ERENCE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE EMBASSY'S VOLUME OF REPORTING SHOULD ENABLE MOST ROUTINE PROSPECTIVE OFFICIAL TRAVELERS TO KEEP THEMSELVES ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS HERE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO VISITING VENEZUELA, WHICH FOR THE COMING MONTHS WOULD IMPOSE A HEAVY STRAIN ON THE EMBASSY'S ATTENUATED SUBSTANTUDE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSETS.
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